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Applicant: Charles M. Milliren, et al.
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the final Office action mailed November 16, 2005, and is being submitted with a Notice of Appeal. The period for responding to the Office action expired on February 16, 2006. Accordingly, applicants petition for and request a two (2) month extension-of-time up to and including April 16, 2006. Because April 16, 2006 was a Sunday, this paper and the accompanying Notice of Appeal are timely filed on the following business day, Monday, April 17, 2006. A check for \$475 is enclosed to cover the \$225 extension fee and the \$250 Notice-of-Appeal fee.

In the event the Examiner does not consider the following arguments persuasive, Applicants also have filed a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, accompanying the enclosed Notice of Appeal.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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